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## HUTTING CONTRACTS.

## MORE LIGHT ON SIR J. JACKSON'S OFFER.

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Many weeks ago was published a report of the Committee of Public Accounts which threw a good deal of light upon the Army and Navy expenditure during the first year of the war. Prominence was given in the report to the cost of hutting for the training of troops in England, and the story was told of a large contractor who offered to build huts at cost price, and afterwards, while the work was in hand and the orders given to him were consequently increased, "demanded" a commission.

What doubt there was as to the identity of the contractor was dispelled when Sir John Jackson, on behalf of his firm, Sir J. Jackson, Limited, defended his action, and declared that though the commission paid was £150,000 on an expenditure of nearly £4,000,000, this was only about a fourth of the usual contractor's charges.

The Blue Book containing the evidence, on which the Committee founded their report has since been issued, and we give below some of the principal passages from it with reference to the hutting contracts. It may be added that a few days after the report was published Mr. Forster, on behalf of the War Office, announced that Sir John Jackson, Ltd., had consented to a reduction of their commission from 5 to 4 per cent.

## WITHOUT PROFIT.

Major-General Sir George H. Scott Moncrieff was the principal witness in this matter. He related that on August 7th, three days after the declaration of war, the contractor made an offer to Lord Kitchener to carry out anywhere any work which might be entrusted to him, placing his firm unreservedly at the disposal of the War Office, and promising that if he were given a free hand he would do the work without profit, "on the basis of pure patriotism." His offer was cordially accepted, and on August 23rd he started work on one of the large hutting camps.

The idea seemed so good that Sir George sent an officer round to a lot of other contractors asking them whether they would come to the aid of the Government in this national emergency. One of the firms gave their services for nothing, and there were others who asked only for the payment of certain fees. A firm of Canadian engineers approached him, and said they would do the work for nothing, and they had done magnificent work.

When the war had been going on about a month, Sir George got a letter from the original contractor, saying that if he was asked to do more than the three works arranged for he must ask for a 5 per cent. commission.

## UNFAIR TO OTHERS.

In reply, Sir George wrote:—On the strength of your original proposal I recommended to the Army Council that your patriotic offer of assistance should be accepted. But when it means a question of payment on a percentage basis it ceases to be on the same footing, and I feel I cannot recommend it in the same way.

The reason of this is that, in a matter of business profit, we should be giving you an opportunity which is denied to others. We have received offers from other eminent engineers. We have accepted one of these on the same non-profit terms as those hitherto arranged with yourself. I have no doubt others would accept those terms, but even if they did not there are many who would be glad to tender if it were a question of a substantial net profit without risk. If we now alter the terms arranged with you, it will place us in a position open to the severest criticism.

The "Firm" was asked to accept a fee rather than a percentage, but Sir John Jackson refused, and the matter was then handed over to the Financial Branch of the War Office to deal with.

## AN INQUIRY.

Sir George, in his evidence, stated that, at his invitation a committee of the Institute of Civil Engineers had visited all the large hutting camps and reported on the work. They also passed judgment on the question of percentage to contractors in these terms:—

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be excessive on work up to £100,000, but we are strongly of opinion that in the case of larger amounts a smaller commission is sufficient, and that the rate of commission should diminish rapidly as the expenditure increases.

"Then the fact is, Sir George, that this agent really was permitted to use what I must describe as a bogus offer to do something for a time for nothing, in order to secure himself free from competition in the payment of a very full commission?"

The question was put by Sir Henry Craik, and Sir George replied:—"Yes. I do not altogether think that it was a bogus offer."

And that was permitted by the Financial Secretary and his assistant?—It was permitted by the Financial Secretary.

## CRAIK'S STOP.

Sir George was asked why, when the contractor said he would not go on doing it "for love," the tenders were not put out again to other people.

The negotiations with him took some little time, and we could not stop," was the reply. "We asked him if he would go on with other work, and he said yes, he would, and then he raised the question about the percentage."

It was Major Harold Baker, M.P., the Financial Secretary of the War Office, who, at a later sitting of the Committee, continued the story of the contract after it passed out of Sir George Scott-Moncrieff's hands. A day after the contractor had returned a flat negative to the proposal that he should work for a fee and not on a percentage basis, he was writing:

"I do not feel that this is a business affair in the ordinary way at all; we must do the best we can from patriotic feelings in every way."

Major Baker added:—"I mention that because I should like the Committee to understand that, although we knew that the patriotic offer had been withdrawn, I and Sir Charles Harris and the other people who were dealing with this matter were again faced with a reiteration of patriotic protestations."

"I venture to say that under all the circumstances we had no reason for mistrusting them. The principal agent is a person of very considerable standing in the commercial world, who has had distinctions which are quite well-known to members of this Committee, and if you could trust anyone I think you could trust him."

As the principal agent of the contractor insisted on working on a percentage basis the War Office were faced with the question whether or not they could dispense with him.

"It was perfectly clear we could not get rid of him. He was practically sitting there, starting to work, and any delay in the erection of the huts would have been visited, I think, with the severest displeasure, not merely by Lord Kitchener himself, who would not have stood it for a moment, but by the general public, too. It seemed clear to us that in the public interest we had to avail ourselves of the services of the principal agent."

The only question then left was, What were the best terms we could make with him? We proceeded, during the next two months, by letter and interview and every sort of persuasion we could apply, to endeavour to bring him to such terms as we thought reasonable. Finally, on October 8th, I saw him myself, and it was clear that we could get no further at that stage, and we arranged terms provisionally—I took from him the least he would agree to—that he should have terms very similar to those which were finally put to the Treasury."

## 5 PER CENT. FOR OTHER FIRMS.

After that it was agreed by everybody concerned in the matter at the War Office that all those contractors who had done the same work should have some similar reward. In a letter of January 14th, 1915, to the "principal agent's" firm the Army Council were "prepared to sanction payments being made to you on the following terms:—

(1)—A net profit of 5 per cent. on the total expenditure on those services

undertaken by you at the request of the War Office later than the works you originally undertook to carry out free of charge.

(2)—An allowance to meet establishment charges and office expenses of 1½ per cent. on the total expenditure in the case of services originally undertaken by you free of charge, and the same in the case of services afterwards undertaken."

At this time the capital expenditure was only a million and a half, and Major Baker said he did not himself believe that it would grow, or he would have considered the question of a diminishing percentage. He knew it by May, and then used every endeavour to try to persuade the "principal agent" to abate his claims.

Five per cent., with 1½ per cent. for establishment charges, having been paid to one contractor, Major Baker thought it would have been an impossible position to pay one and not to pay any of the others. All had to be treated alike. He did not think it was an unreasonable rate of pay on work of that kind. If there had been open competition they would not have got it on anything like those terms. If they had had to take the lowest of competitive tenders they would have lost two months in the hutting, which was of vital importance, and at the end very likely would have had to pay more because of the abnormal risks which all these contractors would have been certain to try to cover.

## IN A CLEFT STICK.

Sir Henry Craik, a member of the Committee, took a different view. "I want to bring this clearly out—that the principal agent did have you in a cleft stick by having got the position through what, on a previous occasion, I called his bogus offer to do this without remuneration?" "I would not like to adopt your phrase, Sir Henry; he was in a strong position, certainly."

"Why should we not call a spade a spade?" asked Sir Henry. "This was a man who, by a pretended patriotic offer, got himself into such a position that he could dictate terms to you, and he then said: 'Either I stop, or you must go on with the payment I demand.' Was not that the position?" "You have the advantage of me in being able to state your private opinion to the Committee," was Major Baker's reply.

There is much interesting matter on the Blue-book concerning the hutting arrangements at the beginning of the war. The design of huts which worked out at about £15 per man was originally adopted. That covered everything, including recreation rooms, dining-rooms, baths, cookhouses, and so forth. Then came an order to exercise the most stringent economy, and by cutting off every possible comfort the estimate was got down to £10 a man.

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## THE WAR.

(Continued from Page 5.)

## SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## "TERRIBLE CRISIS

FACING

GERMANY."

## REMARKABLE LETTER

BY HINDENBURG.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18.

A letter written by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg to Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, has been published.

Hindenburg declares that Germany is facing a terrible crisis and that great changes are necessary to overcome it.

He denounces the failure of the Food Department to adequately feed the munition workers, the greed of the Agrarians in refusing to give up their products, and the sluggishness of the officials who do not realise that this is a war of life and death.

## THE VICTORY ON THE

ANCRE.

OVER 6,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Sir Douglas Haig reports: Since the 13th 6,190 prisoners have been taken.

We heavily bombarded trench lines in the neighbourhood of Loos and Hulluch.

Aeroplane bombed two important junctions on the enemy's lines of communications.

Five enemy machines were brought down and five damaged. Three of ours are missing.

7,000 PRISONERS NOW COLLECTED.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says 7,000 prisoners have now been collected.

Our latest attack was a successful little enterprise by the Australians and others, who captured 300 yards of trenches south-east of "Butte-de-Warlen Court."

## ALLIED CONFERENCE IN

PARIS.

TO ANSWER GERMANY'S MASS

LEVY.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

An Allied Conference is being held here. The British representatives include Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, General Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir William Robertson.

LATER.

The Daily Express Paris Correspondent states that the Allied Conference is considering military and economic measures in answer to Germany's mass levy.

## LIVELY ARTILLERY DUEL ON

FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

A communiqué states that there is nothing to report on the whole front, except a lively artillery duel in the Salisiel region, north of the Somme.

## MUNICH STATION BOMBED

FRENCH AIRMAN'S FLIGHT OF

433 MILES.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

A communiqué mentions that Captain Beauchamps, ascending at eight o'clock in the morning, flew to Munich, arriving at noon. He bombed the station as a reprisal for the German bombardment of the open towns of Arras and then, crossed the Alps and landed in Italy, twelve miles north of Venice. He covered 433 miles.

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## RUMANIA'S

STRUGGLE.

## KAISER'S ORDERS.

"ENEMY MUST BE DESTROYED."

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Times correspondent at Bukharest reports that large German reinforcements have recently arrived on the Rumanian front.

Two new Divisions are operating in the Jiu Valley, under the command of General von Knobelsdorf, who was last mentioned west of Lutich.

The Germans in the Aluta Valley are commanded by General Kniel.

The 41st Prussian Division has been replaced by the 11th Bavarian Division in the Jiu region.

They have received orders from the Kaiser saying: "The enemy must be destroyed."

## RUMANIANS RETIRE SLIGHTLY.

FIGHTING EVERY INCH OF THE

WAY.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

A Rumanian communiqué states: "We repulsed violent enemy attacks in the Fredal and Dragoslavele regions with heavy losses."

We were compelled to withdraw slightly in the direction of Tenculest in the Alt Valley, and in the direction of Stanesesti in the Jiu region where, however, we attacked on the wing and repulsed the enemy with serious losses.

We effectively bombarded Rustchuk.

## FURTHER SUCCESSES IN

THE BALKANS.

THE PROGRESS OF THE ALLIES.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

A French official message from Salonika states: "The British on the left of the Struma have captured Kavali."

The Franco-Serbians are advancing successfully in the Corne region.

A division, after a desperate fight, stormed a ridge to the north of Iven, in the Corne loop, and repulsed three counter-attacks.

The Franco-Serbians, farther west, stormed Monastery Hill in the direction of Jarostok. Cavalry captured Negotin, north-east of Kanak.

Four hundred prisoners were taken on the 16th inst.

## GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

MISCHIEVOUS RUMOURS OF

SECRET PRICE NEGOTIATIONS.

EMPHATIC DENIAL BY RUSSIAN

PREMIER.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

The Russian Premier, telegraphing to the Russian Ambassador in Paris, denies the "absurd rumours of secret Russo-German negotiations with a view to a separate peace."

The Premier says Russia intends to fight the common enemy, beside her brave Allies, unflinchingly until the final victory. No hostile intrigue will weaken Russia's irrevocable decision.

## WILLING SACRIFICE FOR THE

SAKE OF VICTORY.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.

The Tsar has sent a telegram to the Council of State thanking them for the unanimous decision to sacrifice everything for the sake of final victory.

## POLISH VOLUNTEERS TO BE

ENROLLED.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.

A Berlin telegram states that the enrolment of Polish volunteers will begin on November 22nd.

## LATEST SUBMARINE SINKINGS

AND CAPTURES.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

The following steamers have been sunk:—*E. Matrasso*, British; *A. D. Davidson*, American; *Yogo*, Ullang and *Torrida*, Norwegian; *Syllon*, Ibbis and *Joanis*, Greek; and *Giovanni*, Italian.

The Dutch steamer *Midland*, bound for Newcastle, has been taken into Zeebrugge by a German submarine.

The Danish barque *Viloh*, has been burnt by a submarine.

## "DEUTSCHLAND" RETURNS

TO PORT.

COLLISION WITH A TUG.

NEW LONDON, Conn. Nov. 17.

The submarine *Deutschland*, has returned to port owing to a collision with the steamer *King*. The tug was sunk and the *Deutschland* was damaged.

The *Deutschland*, damaged, is not allowed to leave port.

## THE FOOD REGULATIONS

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

## POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Food Regulations, published in the *Gazette*, empower the Board of Trade

(1)—To prohibit the waste of any article and to decide what is waste.

(2)—To limit the use of any article.

(3)—To regulate manufacture and production and the manner of supplying the public market.

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(6)—To demand and to verify returns relating to stocks, contracts, cost, etc.

## ENEMY MILITARY CONFERENCE

AT BELGRADE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

It is reported that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Falkenhayn and General Mackensen have had a conference at Belgrade.

## A NEUTRAL ZONE IN GREECE.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Entente's proposal of a neutral zone between the Royalists and Venizelists in Greece has been accepted in principle.

## TURKEY AND THE SULTAN OF

EGYPT.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED BY

TURKISH TRIBUNAL.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Sultan of Turkey has confirmed the death sentence passed by a Turkish Tribunal on the Sultan of Egypt on the ground that he placed parts of Turkey under foreign rule.

## GENERAL SMUTS TO SOUTH

AFRICAN TROOPS.

THANKS AND GOOD ADVICE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Reuter's Special Correspondent with General Smuts says that, the General in thanking the troops who are returning to South Africa said he hoped they would help to maintain the South African contingent in Europe.

## BRITISH PRISONERS FROM KUT







## THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## BRITISH PROGRESSING ON THE ANCRE.

## A FURTHER 600 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Reuter's Correspondent at the Headquarters on the Somme reports: Yesterday's most spirited attack gave us further valuable gains south of the Ancre on a front of 5,000 yards. We advanced a mean depth of 500 yards and penetrated the western outskirts of Grandcourt where bomb-fighting is progressing. On the extreme right, the main line of attack captured high ground due south of Miremont from which point our patrols pushed further forward toward the village and captured prisoners.

On the North of the Ancre a corresponding advance was made. Already 600 prisoners have been taken in the southern attack.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports stormy weather and that the position is unchanged.

LATER.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the situation is unchanged. The prisoners taken on the Ancre on Saturday numbered 772, which makes the total 6,062 since the 13th inst.

## THE VALUE OF THE "TANKS."

## ESTIMATED TO HAVE SAVED 20,000 LIVES.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Experts at the front agree that the "Tanks" by reducing enemy machine-gun positions and other strong points, have saved at least 20,000 lives.

## BRITISH CAVALRY ON THE ANCRE.

## A GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German official report mentions the appearance of English Cavalry on the Ancre, in conjunction with continued and more violent firing.

It alleges that the succeeding attack failed except at a few points, but admits that the Germans were pressed back south-east of Serre and Grandcourt and a few points southward.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 19. An official communiqué states:—There is nothing to report beyond the violent bombardment of the fort and the region of Donauw.ont.

## GERMAN AEROPLANE RAID.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German official announcement claims that German aeroplanes successfully bombed Furnes and the aerodrome at Coudry, dropping 1,400 kilograms of explosives.

## SNOW IN EUROPE.

## WAR OPERATIONS HINDERED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. Snow is general. There are drifts 3 ft. high in Wales.

Trains in Germany are snow-bound. There has been a heavy snowfall in Florence.

Snow is hindering operations in the Balkans. Correspondents at the Headquarters in France report that the weather is very cold with a keen east wind, and there is frost at night.

## THE ENEMY'S FLYING BASE AT ZEEBRUGGE.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The captured liner *Brussels* at Zeebrugge is being used as a flying base.

## ALLIES ENTER MONASTIR.

## ENEMY RETREATING IN DISORDER BEFORE THE SERBIANS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A French communiqué says:—The Allied troops entered Monastir this morning.

Desperate Bulgarian counter-attacks in the Cerna loop were repulsed by the Serbians, the enemy retreating in disorder northward.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German communiqué acknowledges the evacuation of Monastir, but claims progress against the Rumanians.

## THE BULGARIAN VERSION.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A Bulgarian official message states that a renewed attack by the Allies on the Cerna loop has failed.

## RUMANIAN FRONT.

## MORE SATISFACTORY NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A Rumanian communiqué says:—Enemy attacks on the Moldavian northern frontiers have been repulsed.

We continued to advance in the Dragoslavele region capturing four officers and 80 men, and two guns. Fighting in the Alt, Jiu and Giloi Valleys continues.

Firing has slackened on the Danube and Dobruja fronts.

## RUMANIANS PUSHED BACK SLIGHTLY.

A Russian communiqué says:—The enemy attacked with considerable forces in the Jiu and Alt Valleys, and pushed back the Rumanians slightly southward.

## A SUCCESSFUL RUMANIAN OFFENSIVE.

The Rumanians assumed the offensive in the Tirgului Valley and carried a series of heights.

## THE SUPERIORITY OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

BUKHAREST, Nov. 19. A semi-official announcement says that the retirement south of Turgu-jin is especially due to the superiority of the enemy artillery.

## ALLEGIANCER TO THE KAISER.

NEW POLISH ARMY TO TAKE THE OATH.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18. The German paper at Lodz states that the new Polish Army is required to take the oath of allegiance to the Kaiser.

## NEUTRALS AND THE GERMAN POLISH PROCLAMATION.

ROME, Nov. 19. It is stated that the Vatican that all the neutral Powers have decided not to recognise the new Polish kingdom.

## THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THRONE.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19. The *Postische Zeitung* states that on December 2nd the anniversary of the accession of Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria-Hungary, a Proclamation will be issued appointing Archduke Carl Franz Joseph Regent of Austria-Hungary.

## GERMANS DETAIN A DUTCH LINER.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The Germans are detaining the *Koningin Regentes* at Ostend on the pretext that the ship is laden with which Dutch steamers are provided to prevent them from sinking if mined, are absolute contraband.

Three of the Dutch crew will be tried for aiding a British courier's escape. The remainder have arrived in Holland. The steamer's mails are being sent to Berlin.

## THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

## A SERIOUS OUTLOOK.

ROME, Nov. 19. The Report of the International Institute of Agriculture states that the world's wheat supply will be exhausted in 1917 if the harvest is again a failure, unless the Russian stocks are released.

## THE FOOD QUESTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

## UNDIMINISHED LUXURY IN BRITISH RESTAURANTS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, meets the restaurant proprietors on the 22nd inst., to discuss the economies of the food question.

Descriptions published regarding the London restaurants last night state that luxury is undiminished in the food palaces, which are crowded by glittering throngs. Costly menus and champagne are universal.

The latest to be suggested for the Food Controlship is Mr. Whitley, the Deputy Speaker.

## THE WORK OF THE MAN-POWER BOARD.

LONDON, Nov. 19. The Man-Power Board has issued a revised list of certified occupations. Some occupations formerly certified are removed.

The age exemption has been generally raised. Single men are not reserved under 30 and married men under 25.

## "DEUTSCHLAND'S" CONDITION A SECRET.

## THE CAPTAIN SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE TUG.

NEW LONDON, Nov. 18. Strict secrecy is being kept regarding the *Deutschland's* condition. The sole survivor of the tug was the Captain of interned German steamer *Neckar*.

## CARGO URGENTLY REQUIRED IN GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. The German Embassy is frantic, declaring that the official mail and the cargo, which is most important, are urgently needed in Germany.

## ESSEN BOMBED.

PARIS, Nov. 19. Captain Beauchamps, the French long distance flying specialist, has lately bombed Essen.

## PRESSURE ON GERMAN RAILWAYS.

## TRADE GOODS TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The transport of German trade goods on German railways has been suspended for three days owing to the overwhelming transport of provisions and war material.

## A LOAN TO CHINA.

## 24,000,000 BY A CHICAGO BANK.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. It is announced that the Continental Commercial Bank of Chicago has concluded a loan of \$24,000,000 sterling to China.

Mr. Lansing intimates that the State Department will support such enterprises.

## GREAT FIRE IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD.

LONDON, Nov. 19. The huge warehouse of the Stafford Northcote firm in St. Paul's Churchyard was gutted by fire last night. Searchlights played on the flames to assist the firemen who were hampered by the darkness.

## THE KING'S EQUERRY.

LONDON, Nov. 20. The London Gazette announces that Viscount Errington has been appointed Equerry in Ordinary and Private Secretary to his Majesty the King.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE ANCRE VICTORY.

## FURTHER ADVANCE OF ANCRE FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. General Sir Douglas Haig reports. Our position has been advanced north-east of Beaumont Hamel and north of Beaucourt. The enemy heavily shelled Beaumont Hamel and Beaucourt.

We successfully raided a redoubt north of Ypres.

LONDON, Nov. 19. General Sir Douglas Haig reports. Despite the storms prevailing we advanced our front north and south of the Ancre, chiefly on the south, where we reached the outskirts of Grandcourt, taking 238 prisoners.

Eight enemy aeroplanes were driven down; three of our machines are missing.

## ENEMY REPULSED ON THE SOMME.

## EXTENSIVE AIR ATTACKS BY ALLIES.

PARIS, Nov. 18. A communiqué says:—On the Somme front the weather has been bad. Last night was calm and six aeroplanes were brought down.

PARIS, Nov. 19. A communiqué says:—A German attack east of Bety, south of the Somme, was repulsed with artillery and grenades.

An air squadron dropped 157 bombs on German aerodromes at Golaucourt and Griselles.

Twenty-two British aeroplanes dropped 180 bombs on electricity and naval works at Ostend on the 17th inst. Zeebrugge was also bombed.

## FIERCE FIGHTING ON RUMANIAN FRONT.

## ENEMY PUSHED BACK IN DRAGOSLAVELE REGION.

LONDON, Nov. 18. A Rumanian communiqué states that in the Dragoslavele region the Rumanians drove back the enemy centre and right wing, making appreciable progress and taking 300 prisoners.

Fierce fighting continues in the Alt and Jiu Valleys, where the Rumanians yielded a little ground. The position is unchanged.

## CONTINUED RUSSIAN PROGRESS ON THE DANUBE.

LONDON, Nov. 18. A Russian communiqué states:—Persistent enemy attacks continue in the Alt and Jiu Valleys. We are continuing to progress on the Danube front.

## BRITISH CONSOLIDATE GAINS ON THE STRUMA.

## ADVANCED POSTS PUSHED FORWARD.

SALONIKA, Nov. 18. An official report states:—We have consolidated the ground gained in the Struma Valley and pushed forward our advanced posts. We successfully bombed an enemy camp north-east of Seres. The enemy lost 100 killed or severely wounded.

## FIRST SERBIAN MINISTER IN U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. M. Mitrailovich has been appointed first Serbian Minister in the United States.

## RUSSIA'S DETERMINATION TO CONQUER.

## ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES IN THE DUMA.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18. In the Duma, amid great enthusiasm, the Minister of War detailed the enormous increase in Russia's output of munitions since 1st January, 1915, and declared:—"We must and shall conquer: no power on earth is capable of conquering Russia." The Minister of Marine repeated that "the war would be waged to the end" and took his place by the side of the Minister of War, whereupon the members rushed from their seats and surrounded the two Ministers, cheering frantically.

M. Rodicheff said such profound, useful words had rarely been spoken. The Army would fight to the end. The Duma desired nothing else and only assembled to further that object.

## THE "DEUTSCHLAND" COLLISION.

## ACTION BY OWNERS OF SUNKEN TUG.

NEWHAVEN, Conn., Nov. 19. The owners of the tug which was sunk when towing the *Deutschland* have instituted an action for \$12,000 damages against the *Deutschland* for colliding with it.

## BRITISH POST IN EAST AFRICA INVESTED.

## ENEMY ATTACKED IN REAR AND DISPERSED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An East African official report states that the enemy, on the 8th inst., attacked and invested a small British post at Malangali. A column from Ruhudje River attacked the enemy force in the rear, defeating and dispersing it.

## RUSSIANS BRING DOWN A SUPER-ZEPPELIN.

## CREW, GUNS, AND BOMBS CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18. Near Saray the Russians brought down a Super-Zeppelin, capturing the crew of sixteen, three guns, two machine guns and 6 cwt. of bombs.

## SUBMARINE PIRACY.

## PORTUGUESE VICTIMS.

LAS PALMAS, Nov. 19. The Portuguese sailor *Emilia* has been torpedoed. The crew was saved. The Portuguese steamer *Machico* (late German steamer *Columa*) is missing. It is feared she has been submarined.

## EFFECTIVE AIRCRAFT ATTACK.

## ENEMY CAMP BOMBED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An official report from Egypt states:—Our aircraft surprised and attacked an enemy camp at Masidi yesterday morning, when 800 lbs. of explosives were dropped effectively. Our machines returned.

## AN INDIAN BORDER ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An official report from India states:—We engaged Mohmand forces estimated to number 5,000 on the border opposite Shikhar on the 16th inst. The enemy lost 100 killed or severely wounded.

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## THE "TANKS."

In likening the "tank" to an ichthyosaurus Mr. Philip Gibbs was thinking, no doubt, of its uncanny appearance. But the *Times* goes further. For what said Dr. Buckland when this monster first revealed himself? "It," said he, "we examine these creatures with a view to their capabilities of locomotion, and the means of offence and defence, which their extraordinary structure afforded them, we shall find combinations of form and mechanical contrivances which are now dispersed through various classes and orders of existing animals, but are no longer united in the same genus." Armed with enormous jaws and teeth, and furnished with huge glaring eyes, protected by bony, sclerotic plates, the ichthyosaurus was admirably adapted for their life of warfare. So that the fish lizard would seem to fit the "tank" to a "T."

Why this fish lizard's name for armoured cars? demands a correspondent. There can be only one name that is possible—"Hasturians."

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TRAINING OF SOLDIERS BECAME IN THE WAR.

The success of the tuition for blinded soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's Hostel, Regent's-park, is one of the most astonishing pieces of war work, and probably one of the most remarkable facts about it is that with only a few months' training the host should have been able to turn out as expert shorthand writers and typists, fit to take their place in the open market, men who have been entirely deprived of their sight.

"A short time ago," Sir Arthur Pearson, the Chairman, told a "Daily Chronicle" representative, "I received a letter from a wealthy individual who stated that he should have been glad to send a handsome donation to St. Dunstan's but for the fact that he understood that we went in for such theoretical nonsense as pretending to teach blinded men to be shorthand writers and typists. I confess that to me, accustomed as I am to the uncanny expertise of the blind, this ability of theirs to write shorthand is still amazing. Typewriting, I know from my own experience, is quite simple, but the acquisition of the Braille system of shorthand does really make unusual demands upon the intelligence, and one would imagine that years would be required for its mastery."

## NOT A WAR CONFESSION.

Sir Arthur produced a letter he had just received from Harold Platt, late private in the 1st/7th Manchester, who was totally blinded at the Dardanelles on June 8th of last year, and who was at St. Dunstan's for eight months. He is now employed by the United Yeast Company, of Clarksall, at whose Manchester branch he held a position before joining the Army.

"I have done far better than I expected," he states. "My shorthand speed has proved quite sufficient, and my typewriting has been valued up to the mark. Indeed, I have on two occasions been described as the best typist in the office. My wage has been fixed at 30s. a week, with an extra bonus at the end of each month to reward the extra work I do. The chief benefit of my training is that I can now do any of the work which would have been done by a sighted man."

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The "Petit Parisien's" Petrograd correspondent declares it is impossible for Mackensen to pass to the left bank of the Danube. It is probable that he will fortify himself north of the railway and await the result of Falkenhayn's operations.

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## NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Oct. 14.

### THE IRISH RECRUITS.

The warning of Mr. John Redmond that conscription in Ireland will lead to trouble, if applied to the country before all efforts at voluntary enlistment have failed, has attracted attention to this question, which is a serious one. Some districts of Ireland have done magnificently, but others badly. It is said there are still 200,000 Irishmen of military age and fitness available for the army, besides a strong force of British troops maintaining order in Ireland whose proper place is at the front. The Irish regiments have done conspicuously well in fact nobly—but the difficulty is in filling the gaps as they are made by the fighting.

Nationalists explain the matter by saying that the Government must first do something to put an end to the unrest in Ireland before even appeals for voluntary enlistment can do any good. They point to the maintenance of martial law in Ireland and the non-release of over 500 untried prisoners, as antagonising the Irish people, and the repudiation of the Lloyd George settlement, after he had induced the leaders and their followers into accepting a compromise, has roused anew the feeling of distrust in Ireland. The Government, they say, "let the Nationalist leaders down in that crisis, and in consequence these leaders have lost some of their authority in Ireland."

This may be one-sided to the man who has not been in Ireland lately, but I have, and I can assert as a mere looker-on that there is much in all this for British people to take a good look at. The only practical suggestion I have heard from the Nationalists is to put the Home Rule Act into force at once, and very likely that will make fresh disturbance with the Ulstermen, unless Sir Edward Carson could be induced to make a patriotic appeal to accept a settlement in the national interest.

### CLEANING UP.

There has been a good deal of fun poked at General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien because of his campaign for less suggestive entertainments for the delectation of the youth of the country, especially the young officers and soldiers from the front. But in spite of much managerially-inspired criticism in the papers, those same managers have made considerable changes in actual practice, showing that they are vulnerable if the criticism can be made effective in the box office. They have elongated the dresses, expunged certain speeches, and made such alterations generally that few can now find fault. It is all to the good, for things were becoming just a trifle hectic, and for no good purpose.

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